PATENT APPLICATION

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AN ADJUSTABLE DIFFERENTIAL GROUP DELAY GENERATOR AND A POLARIZATION

DISPERSION COMPENSATOR INCORPORATING IT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

7. (Amended)The differential group delay generator claimed in claim 4, including a third compensating dispersive component adapted to receive said second component and having a chromatic dispersion substantially equal to the cumulative chromatic dispersion of said second dispersive component and said delaying dispersive component.